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Dear Administrators,

I am writing to express my full agreement with the comments recently mailed to you from PETA.

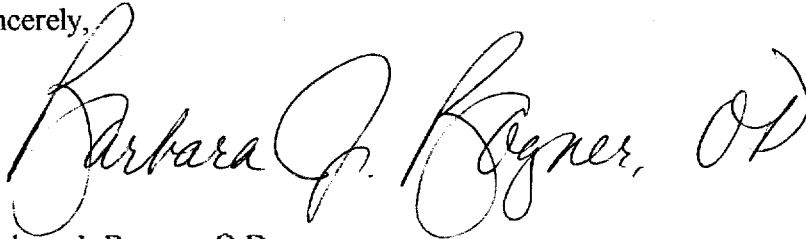
I am opposed to nonhuman transplants of any kind for a variety of reasons, ranging from ethics to unknown or poorly understood viruses, including HIV-like retroviruses in other species.

Risk of infection, risk of abuse, risk of rejection, and risk of costly failures all point to the fact that there are much better alternatives that should be pursued with encouragement. Encouragement of the human donor programs make so much better sense, when considering risk of rejection. Why is more not doing more to tap into this IMMENSE resource of potential donors? I can't remember the last time I saw an advertisement reminding me to consider being an organ donor! This should be where efforts are focused, financially and publically.

Please consider this a request to BAN xenotransplantation immediately. I feel our taxes would better spent encouraging other alternatives, specifically better resourcing of human organ transplants, as in other countries.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

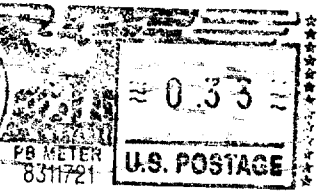
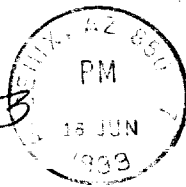


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